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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICES AND METHODS OF FABRICATING
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 12, 2005, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above identified application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Election of Species

Applicant elects the invention of claims 1-6 for further prosecution on the merits in the present application. This election is without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, claims 1-6 have been elected for further prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application including non-elected claims 7-10.

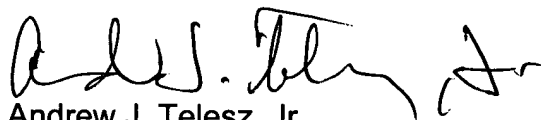
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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